

Attn: FCC Representative,  
Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations  
to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the  
election is a clear example of the dangers of media  
consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and  
is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When  
large companies control the airwaves, we get more  
corporate interest and less of what we need for our  
democracy. Instead of something produced at "News  
Central" far away, it's more important that we see  
real people from our own communities and more  
substantive news about issues that matter. "Stolen  
Honor" is not a public interest story, but a  
propagandist rant that has no place in the journalistic  
format of a TV documentary. If their stations insist  
on airing a right wing documentary, they should air a  
left wing documentary directly afterward. This would  
display a non-partisan balance that reflects  
community interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen  
media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show  
why the license renewal process needs to involve  
more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

- Joel McRennary